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| Ex parte: JAMES A. VANEK                      | U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br>BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS<br>AND INTERFERENCES |
| Application No. 10/692,402                    |  |
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| ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER |  |

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 23, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

## **EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF**

The Examiner must consider and acknowledge receipt of the Reply Brief filed January 29, 2007, via wirtten communication.

## **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner for appropriate action on the following:

- 1) consider and acknowledge the Reply Brief filed January 29, 2007; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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